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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

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Title: MULTIMODE OPERATION OF QUADRATURE PHASED ARRAY MR COIL SYSTEMS

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- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay

1. Petition fee

- ☐ small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).
- ☐ small entity statement enclosed herewith.
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the form of _____ a Response and Amendment (identify the type of reply):

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B. The issue fee of \$ _____

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

July 7, 2003

Date


Signature

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Small Entity Status Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay

☐ _____

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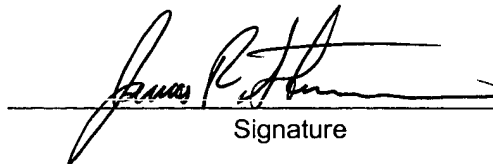
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Signature

James R. Stevenson

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply)

The unavoidable delay in filing the attached reply was due to an unexpected and unforeseen fault in a new docketing system that was recently obtained by the IP Department of my company, Medrad, Inc. Specifically, our IP Department had long used a docketing system known as PC Master Lite. Due to the ongoing growth of our patent and trademark docket, we recently purchased and installed a new docketing system, IP Master, offered by Master Data Center (MDC) of Southfield, Michigan. In addition, we also secured MDC's services to "migrate" our existing data from the old docketing system to the new one.

At some point during that migration or, more generally, in the transition between docketing systems, the docketing entry for the Office Action to which this Petition is directed was somehow corrupted or otherwise rendered incorrect. We discovered this error when we received the Notice of Abandonment on or about June 30, 2003, which brought this matter to our attention. In addition, we are also trying to ascertain whether docketing entries for any of our other IP files have been affected.

In support of this Petition, the above-signed states that: (1) the foregoing error was the cause of the delay at issue; (2) there is, and has been, in place a business routine for performing the function of docketing that could reasonably be relied upon to avoid errors in its performance; and (3) the employees who have responsibility for our docketing system are sufficiently trained and experienced with regard to the function and routine for its performance that reliance upon such employees represent the exercise of due care.

For the foregoing reasons, the above-signed respectfully requests that this Petition be granted, as the aforementioned error is within the ambit of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a).

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is necessary)